

**Notice of Fund Availability  
for  
Nebraska's 2006-2007 AmeriCorps National Service Programs**

The Nebraska Volunteer Service Commission announces the availability of funds for new and continuation AmeriCorps programs for 2006-2007. These grants are available competitively to nonprofit and faith-based organizations, educational institutions and governmental entities. AmeriCorps, part of the USA Freedom Corps, is designed to build and foster an ethic of civic responsibility by engaging thousands of Americans on a full or part-time basis to help strengthen the ties that bind us as a nation, one community at a time.

Full operating grants support fully developed plans to establish high-quality programs that meet community needs, as defined by local communities across Nebraska, in the issue areas of education, public safety, environment, homeland security and other human needs. For 2006, the Corporation for National and Community Service will continue to identify children and youth as a priority. To that end, the Commission invites programs to build upon, strengthen and expand successful existing programs as well as propose new programs. Education Award Only grants provide an allotment of national service education awards, to organizations that can support most program and participant costs through other sources. The Commission may be able to offer some funding to support AmeriCorps program planning grants.

For additional information including a copy of a Request for Proposal (RFP) for AmeriCorps grants, please check the Commission website at [www.nvsc.ne.gov](http://www.nvsc.ne.gov) or call the Commission in Lincoln at (402) 471-6225 or toll-free at 1-800-291-8911. Grant due dates and required training dates are announced in the RFP and via the Commission website. Successful applicants can expect to begin their program by August or September of 2006.